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Potok shares his "small and particular world"

On November 14 author Chaim Potok addressed Dordt College students, faculty, and visitors in the second annual President's Convocation. It was a dynamic speech, disappointing to few if any in the audience. Sophomore Dan Mennega, freshman Jennifer Schelhaas, and English professor Robert De Smith reflect on Potok's visit.

Potok, the philosopher teacher

Dan Mennega

In his talk "Religious and Secular Humanism: Journeying Between Worlds" Potok said that most students are fairly content with their way of life and that of their families and communities. The fact is that someday, if not already, the values and systems of thought that have been established will be confronted by outside influences. These influences will inevitably change that person's life, says Potok.

Potok speaks often of the "small and particular world into which a person is born." According to Potok, a person comes out of his or her teens appreciating the lifestyle and system of values of that small and particular world. College, then, can be "a battleground for a very strange confrontation." This confrontation has been the subject of many of Potok's novels.

These confrontations can take many shapes and can happen at any time. A student at Dordt may be friends with someone attending a secular university and realize that this friend has developed an entirely different opinion about an issue. The new idea is interesting but may go against the student's "core" or basic system of values. The result is tension.

How does a person resolve these tensions? Potok described four reactions: (1) the new idea isn't dealt with, (2) the new idea is too overwhelming to really absorb, (3) the new idea takes over a person's "core"—something that happens when a person hasn't thought out the reason for his or her present system of values, (4) a new idea forms which incorporates the old and the new.

Potok's speech makes us aware that we all experience this tension, and that we should be ready to deal with it in an open-minded yet careful way. □

Potok, the man

Jennifer Schelhaas

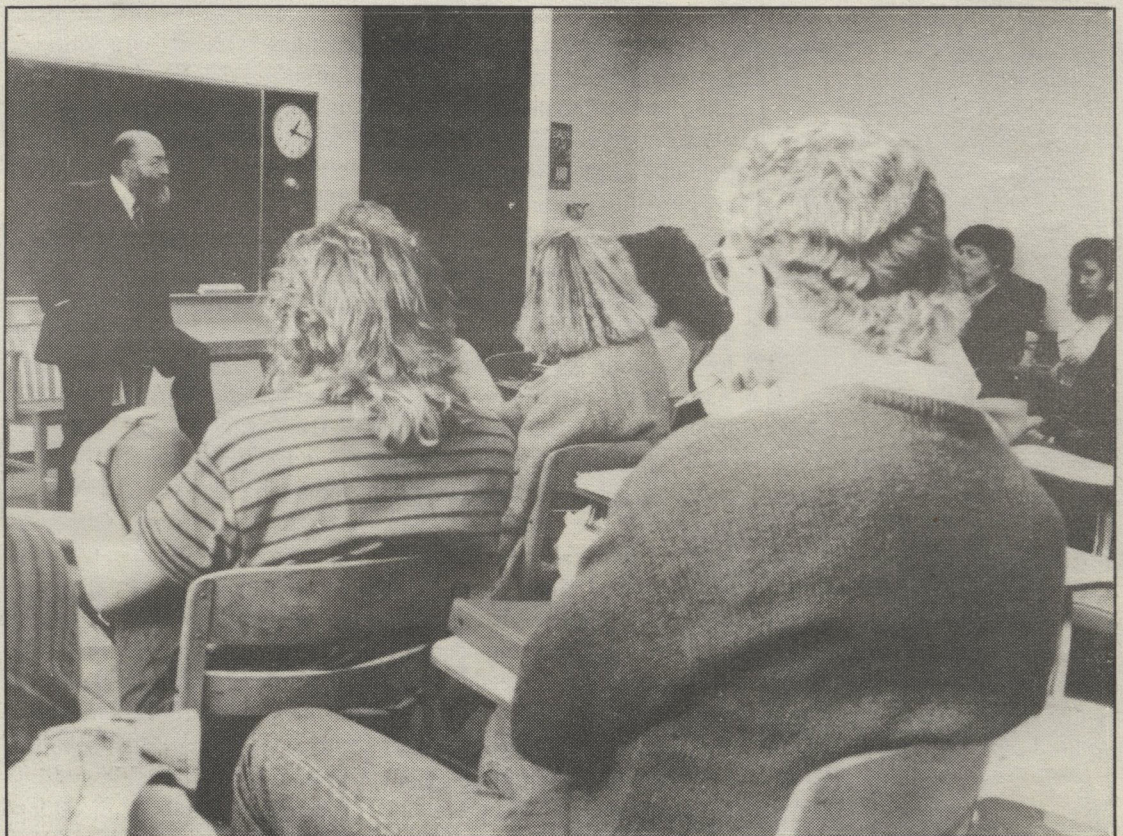
As we sat waiting for the famous author Chaim Potok to arrive at the airport, I began to get nervous. What was this famous person going to be like? What was he going to think of me, just a college freshman who had read a few of his books? Was he going to be too "high and mighty" for me to relate to or would he be easy to talk to?

When his plane arrived and the passengers were coming off, I could pick out Chaim Potok even though I had never seen him before. He looked just as I expected a famous Jewish author to look with his overcoat, hat, and graying beard. After greeting him and getting settled in the car for our hour drive back from Sioux City, we started talking. He is a very personable man, easy and interesting to talk with. One of his first remarks was on the beautiful sunset. "Ah, the hand of God."

Potok not only answered questions we had for him, but showed interest in us and Dordt College with questions of his own. A question he asked me which caught me off guard was, "Jennifer, what are you going to do

with your life?" I hardly knew myself and now I had to tell Chaim Potok. I told him I was interested in television news broadcasting, hoping he would approve of that. But he looked at me and said "Why that? Do you think it's glamorous? It's certainly not." I, of course, agreed with him so I wouldn't sound ignorant and told him that I thought it would be interesting. He agreed with me there.

It was a great privilege and inspiration for me to meet Chaim Potok, the author of some of my favorite books, and to find that he is a real person with strong beliefs whose stories come out of his tradition—a tradition with similarities to mine. □



Students in Dr. Helen Westra's American Literature class had the opportunity to talk with Potok more informally.

Potok, the Jewish author

Robert De Smith

One of Chaim Potok's favorite phrases is "small and particular world," a tag he uses to describe the distinct place, people, and ideas which each of us claims for his or her own. At the beginning of his novel *The Chosen*, Potok describes a set of those worlds existing side by side in the Jewish neighborhoods of Williamsburg, New York:

On a Shabbat (Sabbath) morning, the members of each sect could be seen walking to their respective synagogues, dressed in their particular garb, eager to pray with their particular rabbi and forget the tumult of the week and the hungry grabbing for money which they needed to feed their large families during the seemingly endless Depression.

The people Potok describes are bound together by their love for God and by their common situation, though they are separated by differing traditions, histories, and allegiances. Potok's novel shows how these worlds interact, and it explores characters who learn both the value and the limitations of their own perspective.

Potok's recent visit to Dordt College was for me an embodiment of this short passage and his novel. Into our "small and particular world"—we would call it a "faith community"—came someone from quite a different tradition, but someone who shares with us at least two important values. Like us, Potok is attempting to articulate a religious

view of the world, and he comes out of a particular ethnic and religious community.

Thus, Potok's visit allowed us (and I'm thinking especially of myself and my students, who read *The Chosen* in a literature class) to learn about a "small and particular world" unfamiliar to us. Potok taught us about his own Judaism, a community marked by strict isolation and also by a longing for God: in *The Chosen* Potok adds that the Jews of the passage I have cited were "dreaming of Shabbat and festivals when they could . . . turn their attention to their prayers, their rabbi, their God."

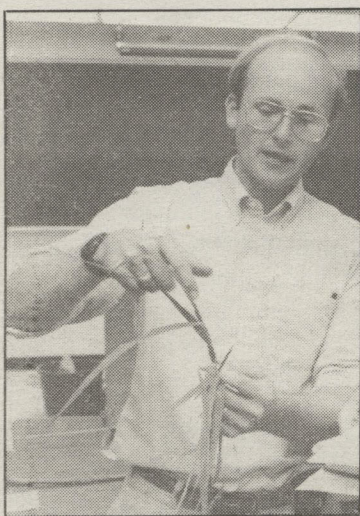
Just as important, his visit helped us to examine our own "small and particular world." Since most of us are familiar with the characteristic manners and traditions associated with being Dutch and Reformed, it was easy to draw parallels between Potok's world and our own. For instance, refiguring Potok's description of Sabbath as a Sunday morning in many of our communities—as we head off to our particular churches, sing our particular songs, and compliment or disparage our particular ministers—we understand powerfully the meaning of Potok's description.

During Potok's visit, I was struck often with both the differences and the important similarities between Potok's world and our own. For a faith community (I'll use the language of our own world) like Dordt College, this kind of learning experience is among the most crucial as we seek to know God and his world. □

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Faculty News



Dr. Chris Goedhart

The professional involvements of Dordt faculty members outside of the classroom reveal Dordt's commitment to provide educational leadership in the Christian community as well as among its own students. By sharing these activities, we hope to provide fellow Christians with further resources, ideas, and encouragement as they work to be of service in Christ's kingdom.

Dr. Chris Goedhart, assistant professor of agriculture, was co-author of "Alleviation of Ethanol-Induced Stress Effects on the Growth and Lipid Composition of *Chlorella vulgaris*," published in *Pesticide Biochemistry and Physiology* 35: 11-19.

Dr. John Zwart, associate professor of physics, made presentations on sound to three fifth grade classes at Sioux Center Christian School on October 26 and on energy to third graders on November 15. Zwart also presented "A Report on the Local Physics Alliances SW Regional Workshop" at the October 28 meeting of the Iowa section of the American Association of Physics Teachers held at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Paulo Ribeiro, assistant professor of engineering, presented the paper "Power System Analysis on a Small Municipal Utility: An 'Unfolding' Approach to the Teaching of Power Engineering" at the 1989 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Engineering Education (North Midwest Section) held at Brookings, South Dakota, on October 15-17.

Ribeiro also prepared three technical documents covering different aspects of harmonic studies in transmission systems for the international working group WG-36.05 of CIGRE (International Conference on High Voltage Electric Systems.)

Dr. Gerald Vander Hoek, assistant professor of theology, presented a paper titled "The Function of Psalm 82 in the Fourth Gospel" at the annual meeting of the National Society of Biblical Literature in Anaheim, California, on November 19-21.

Karen De Mol, associate professor of music, participated in the Christian College Coalition's workshop "Music in Christian Context" held in July.

John Hofland, assistant professor of theatre arts, was the narrator for "Orchestranimals" a tape and book set published by Scholastic TAB from Toronto, Canada.

He also told stories at the annual meeting of the O'Brien County Farm Bureau, a Calvinette Campout, and earlier this summer at the Dordt Alumni Reunion banquet.

Dr. J.B. Hulst spoke to the Christian School Association meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, on November 15.

Dr. Ken Bussema, professor of psychology, spoke to the Forward Steps group of the Hospice program on "Sharing our Pain."

Dr. James C. Schaap, associate professor of English, spoke and read from his writing at the Midwest Christian Teachers convention in Chicago, the Florida Christian Teachers convention in Orlando, and at alumni gatherings in Pella and Southern California. He also did an Iowa Arts Council residency at Unity Christian High School in Orange City, Iowa.

Dr. John Van Dyk, director of the Center for Educational Services, delivered the keynote address at the Ontario Christian Schools Teachers Convention in Ancaster, Ontario, on October 26. He also led workshops in collaborative learning at the OCSTA convention and in Pease, Minnesota, on October 20.

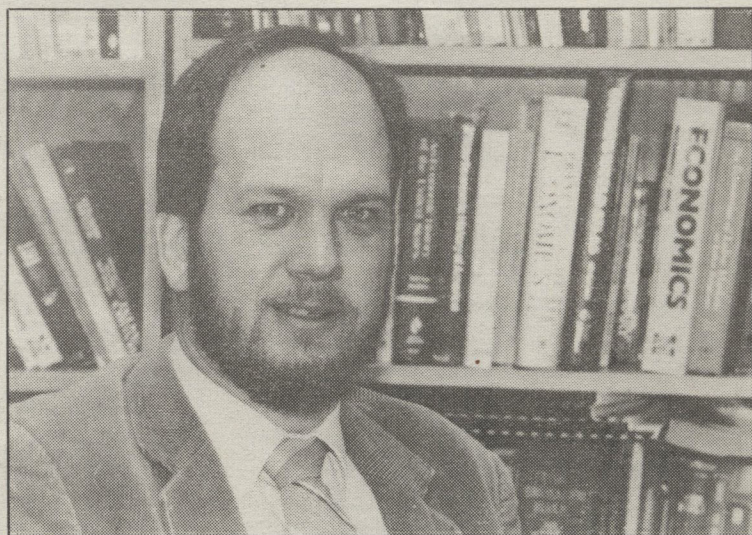
Byker joins Advancement

Ged Byker ('73) has accepted a position as development officer for the Dordt College Advancement Office. He will be representing the college in fundraising efforts and making development calls on behalf of the college. Ged has worked in sales and marketing for the last nine years.

Charles Adams, associate professor of engineering, presented a paper titled "Automobiles, Computers, and Assault Rifles: The Value-Ladenness of Technology and the Engineering Curriculum," at the 1989 Annual Meeting of the North Midwest Section of the American Society for Engineering Education held in Brookings, South Dakota, on October 15-17.

Haan receives honorary doctorate

Rev. B.J. Haan, president emeritus of Dordt College, will receive an honorary doctorate from Potchefstroom University in South Africa. The college community is pleased that the Reverend Haan is being recognized for his many contributions to the cause of Christian higher education.



Lesage is new social sciences dean

Dordt College economics professor Jasper Lesage has been appointed dean of the college's social sciences division. His term will begin with the 1990-91 school year. Lesage's appointment coincides with the appointment of current dean Rockne McCarthy to the position of vice president for academic affairs.

Departments in Dordt's social sciences division include political science, education, business administration and economics, communication, social work and sociology, and psychology.

"The dean is mainly a service position," Lesage explains. He will begin by getting to know each department better—their pro-

grams, requirements, and goals. On an institutional level, he will become a member of the long-range planning committee and the academic council. He will also continue to teach one course.

Giving up his full-time role as classroom teacher was for Lesage "the toughest part of the decision." Yet, he says, "I am happy to have the position, and I'm eager to start."

Lesage joined the Dordt College faculty in 1984. He is a graduate of Brock University of St. Catharines, Ontario. His master's and doctorate in economics are from the University of Toronto, and he spent a year of study at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto. □

From the president



Dr. J. B. Hulst

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Recent activity at Dordt College has focused on planning: strategic planning, long-range planning, campus planning, staff planning, and financial planning. All of this activity is important if Dordt is to realize its purpose and fulfill its task.

As part of the planning process the college conducted a marketing survey to ascertain how the college is viewed by the community from which we seek our support. An agency was hired to contact a sample of constituents, especially adults knowledgeable about college and high school seniors bound for four year colleges.

The results of such surveys are always subject to a variety of interpretations. There are, however, at least three definite conclusions that can be drawn from this most recent study.

First, it is clear that Dordt College enjoys strong support both from adults and young people.

Our constituents reflect a highly favorable attitude toward Christian higher education. They believe that Christian education on all levels—grade school, high school, and college—is very important. To the extent that Dordt is identified as a Christian college, they are supportive of Dordt College as well.

This first conclusion did not surprise us. We have always known that we enjoy strong support from our constituents. We do not take this support for granted; we are grateful to God for it; and we know that we must put forth every effort to maintain and even enhance this support.

Second, the study indicated that Dordt must do more to distinguish itself from other Christian, church-related colleges. There are other Christian colleges throughout the United States and Canada, many of them much closer to home than Dordt. What is it that makes Dordt

distinctive, different from these other Christian colleges?

Answering this question does not mean that we must begin to speak negatively about other Christian colleges. Instead we must emphasize the positive, distinctive aspects of Dordt College: our Reformed perspective, the quality of our academic program, and our concern to provide students with education that does indeed prepare for service in Christ's kingdom. We must also see to it that we communicate these characteristics to adults and young people alike.

Third, the survey made clear that even those who are supportive of Dordt College are willing to consider other Christian colleges and even secular colleges for their sons and daughters. They are positive in their attitudes toward Dordt, but this does not preclude the possibility of sending their children to secular colleges or to church-related colleges that do not

reflect a Reformed perspective.

This third conclusion did surprise us; in fact, it disappointed us. We had assumed that those who expected us to demonstrate our distinctiveness by way of a high quality education with a Reformed perspective would insist upon their children receiving the same kind of education. But such is not the case.

Therefore, it is obvious that in our planning two challenges confront us. On the one hand, we must see to it that the education at Dordt College is of high quality and of a distinctively Reformed character. On the other hand—and we hope with the help of the church—we must convince our constituency that such education is essential for their sons and daughters.

The marketing survey has provided us with much helpful information. We trust that it will assist us in our planning and in fulfilling the many tasks that lie ahead of us. □

“... the world is mine and all that is in it”

Case Boot

Someone once asked me to show a Southeast-Asian student the way to one of the classrooms on Dordt's campus. Instead of giving him oral instructions I decided to take him there, and on the way I pointed out other classrooms and offices. Somehow I began to feel very uncomfortable with this student. I noticed that consistently he remained about two steps behind me. When I slowed down, he slowed down; when I looked over my shoulder to catch a glimpse of his face, he looked down. I felt haunted by this young fellow and decided to make a quick end to this ordeal. Months later I learned that in certain Southeast-Asian cultures people may not walk immediately next to their superiors but must show respect by staying about two steps behind these persons. After hearing this explanation I felt a little better about my experience, but, I imagine, I would feel just as uncomfortable if it would occur again.

North Americans have similar experiences in other cultures. When they travel abroad, they often find that it is not easy to do in Rome as the Romans do, especially as far as non-verbal communication is concerned. For example, students in Dordt's Netherlandic Studies Program in Amsterdam have little difficulty saying "Goedemiddag, hoe gaat het met u. (Good afternoon, how are you?)" with an acceptable pronunciation, but they might look very clumsy to a Dutchman when they do not shake hands when protocol requires this gesture.

Cross-cultural communication is not something that can be learned by reading a few articles on the topic. Cross-cultural communication skills are best acquired by total immersion in another culture. Even then people often have difficulty adjusting to a different way of life.

That which is common to the Dutch might be very uncommon to a visiting North American. For example, the Dutch are accustomed to traveling by bicycle and by public transportation rather than by automobile. Their shopping habits are different; they usually shop daily because their "miniature" refrigerators cannot hold much more than a day's supply of food. Their table manners are also different; the Dutch hold their knife and fork in the "wrong" hands, and they might even eat a sandwich using a knife and fork. From a North American perspective it seems that the Dutch are holding utensils in the wrong hands, and it seems that their refrigerators are too small.



A group of Netherlandic Study Program students on an excursion in Ghent, Belgium.

From a Dutch perspective, however, theirs is the only way to hold a fork and knife, and their refrigerators are just the right size.

But acquiring the customs of another culture is not enough. To go back to the Netherlandic Studies Program example, people must also understand, appreciate, and respect the aesthetic, political, social, economic, and religious systems that make up a culture to truly understand it. In the Netherlandic Studies Program students study not only language and communication but also the culture of the Low Countries. Besides attending numerous lectures and going on excursions, students learn through personal encounters with Dutch people. These personal encounters compel students not only to evaluate certain aspects of the Dutch culture, but also to see their own culture in a new light.

It is when they are immersed in a different culture that people recognize that their own view of the world is not universally shared. They begin to see that their view has been, and continues to be, shaped by influences that often escape conscious detection, and that others have world views that are profoundly different from their own. Does this mean that all is relative? No, it does not. People, confessing the same Lord and Saviour, can have different world views, but have a confessional commonality. If we confess that the world is the Lord's and all that is in it (Psalm 50:12b), and

that through Christ God has reconciled all things to himself by making peace through Christ's blood, shed on the cross (Col. 1:20), then we must also accept that there are different world views. The real reason Christians should become more internationally aware, therefore, is to build the body of Christ.

Growing more internationally aware as Christians should result from our confessing that there is one God and one creation redeemed by Christ. People in different cultures are called to carry out their task in their particular part of God's world.

Raising international, intercultural consciousness demands developing the ability to perceive and participate in one's own culture while at the same time being aware of the other cultures. We must be able to relate effectively to individuals and groups coming from other cultural backgrounds and to perceive all human beings as children of God with genuinely different ways of thinking, speaking, and valuing.

For students to become more internationally aware they must know something about the world community. Study programs, such as the Netherlandic Studies Program, can provide ways for students to learn, for example, how social and economic problems are solved in a particular culture. This understanding could be an important tool not only on a personal level but also in business and political dealings

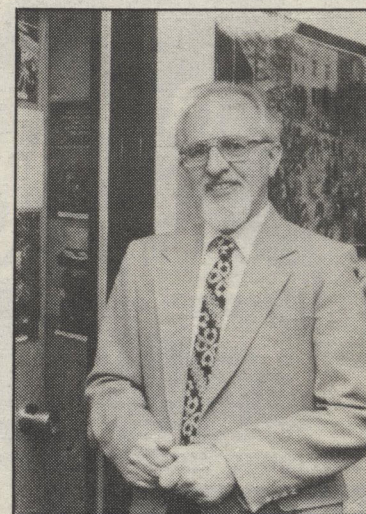
with others. In an interrelated world we must learn to solve a society's problems according to the norms of its own culture.

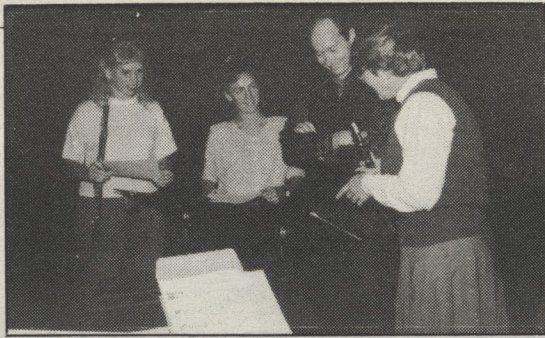
Christian educational institutions have a unique opportunity and obligation to provide an internationalized curriculum by which students can understand that people from different cultures have a confessional commonality. The curriculum must promote international understanding and respect of all peoples. This understanding will stay with them as they leave college and become part of communities made up of people from different cultures.

Becoming more international from a Reformed perspective prepares a Christian community to become more conscious of the welfare of God's human family. If we take this calling seriously, we will want to sharpen our cross-cultural communication skills to transmit the Good News to all of God's people: to the downtrodden, to minority groups, and to refugees. To be reformingly busy with the endangered planet earth means we must become better stewards of natural resources so that future generations will have a healthy environment in which to live. Confessing that the world is the Lord's and all that is in it calls us to bring the redemptive word of Jesus Christ to any people, to any situation, in a way that is compatible with their culture. When we claim to be in Christ's Kingdom we must do in this world as Christ would do. □

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Dr. Case Boot teaches linguistics and is director of the Netherlandic Study Program.





Oboist Tania Roosendaal, composer Irene Eugen, conductor Henry Duitman, and clarinetist Karen De Mol discuss some of the fine points of interpretation of "Orchestranimals."

Dordt hosts world premiere of "Orchestranimals"



Sioux County Orchestra concertmaster Gary Vander Hart played the difficult violin solo. Sophomore Diana Klungel participated in the orchestral sections.

Sally Jongsma and Lavonne Bolkema

One thousand and eighty fifth and sixth graders from 19 local elementary schools flooded the Dordt College Chapel for the performance debut of "Orchestranimals," a lively new suite written by the young Canadian composer Irene C. Eugen and performed by the Sioux County Orchestra under the direction of Dordt professor Henry Duitman.

After twenty minutes of shuffling into their assigned sections, whispering between rows, and standing to see who else was coming, the children settled down, captivated for the next 35 minutes by the music, story, and pictures of "Orchestranimals."

"Orchestranimals" is the name of a book and cassette tape set written to introduce children to the instruments of the orchestra. In the book, animals are assigned to different instruments. In performance the story was narrated by theatre arts professor John Hofland with the illustrations projected to a large screen behind the orchestra.

The chapel was packed for the

official premiere the next evening, November 15. Children sat on the floor in front of the stage, the air tingled with anticipation. The audience was not disappointed. Smiles passed from face to face through the audience and orchestra during the piece, breaking into real laughter as the "flamingo" played standing on one foot and the "beaver" came forward with his violin in pieces (fortunately he had another one for his solo!).

Dordt music professor Karen De Mol, cast as the flamingo on the clarinet, says "It was an absolutely delightful concert," despite the fact that the piece she had to play was very difficult. The composer wanted to demonstrate what each instrument could do technically and musically, she says. The clarinet had a glittering glissando, the trombone a jazzy slide, the double bass an intricate pizzicato section, and the tympani some fancy pedal work.

Because the composer wanted to demonstrate the range of each instrument, using high highs and low lows, the solo sections re-

quired jumps that put the players through their paces.

But even though many of the soloists found that the short segments took hours to perfect, the opportunity to work with a new composition and the composer was exhilarating, says De Mol. It was also a wonderful educational opportunity for all players, especially the many students in the orchestra.

During the intermission and for nearly a half hour after the concert, the composer (who drove west with her parents from Toronto), the conductor, the narrator, and the principal players autographed books for children ages two to sixty-five.

Eugen was elated by the response to her composition. "I knew I would be writing music as a career," she said, "but I never thought it would be for children."

Eugen, a 1987 graduate of the University of Toronto Faculty of Music, began her studies in Rumania and moved with her family to Toronto, Ontario, when she was ten. Her mother, a concert pianist, and her grandfather, a composer, greatly shaped her early interests. She has won several awards and scholarships for piano performance and composition.

Eugen credits her father, a graphic artist, with providing the inspiration for the "Orchestranimals" project. She enlisted the help of illustrator Vlasta van Kampen, also from Toronto and a winner of the the Governor General's Award for Art.

Scholastic-TAB Publications Ltd. accepted her proposal for a book with musical tape. Their director of educational research and development, Adrian Peetoom, says he feels it is a wonderful, holistic way for children to experience music, story text, and pictures as one.

Eugen and van Kampen worked diligently on music and art while the Scholastic editors polished the story. The team efforts were well under way before the Sioux County Orchestra and Duitman became involved. After exploring several options Peetoom recalled a visit to Dordt College over 20 years ago. While spending the weekend with Dr. John Vander Stelt, he had attended a recital that permanently impressed him with the quality of the performance. "Since then I have had a soft spot for Dordt," he says, and has made a point of attending traveling concerts of Dordt's different musical groups.

The Sioux County Orchestra was presented with the full musical score and a recording

session arranged. Duitman and Peetoom negotiated the roles and recording needs for the orchestra. Principal players were chosen for the short but difficult solos that would introduce instruments, and Hofland, a master story teller, became narrator.

"I never dreamed the work would be performed so quickly and so well," comments Eugen, pleased with the orchestral expertise.

Four intense days of taping took place in early September. Eugen and Peetoom were on hand to monitor, advise, and comment



on the outcome. This was the very first time Eugen had heard "Orchestranimals" performed.

The new digital recording equipment of Dordt radio station KDCR was put to the test by music producer Jim Bolkema, who works for the station and handles the college's music recording. From the sound studio in the chapel/auditorium, he kept track of the many "takes" of the segments and edited according to Eugen's and Duitman's choices.

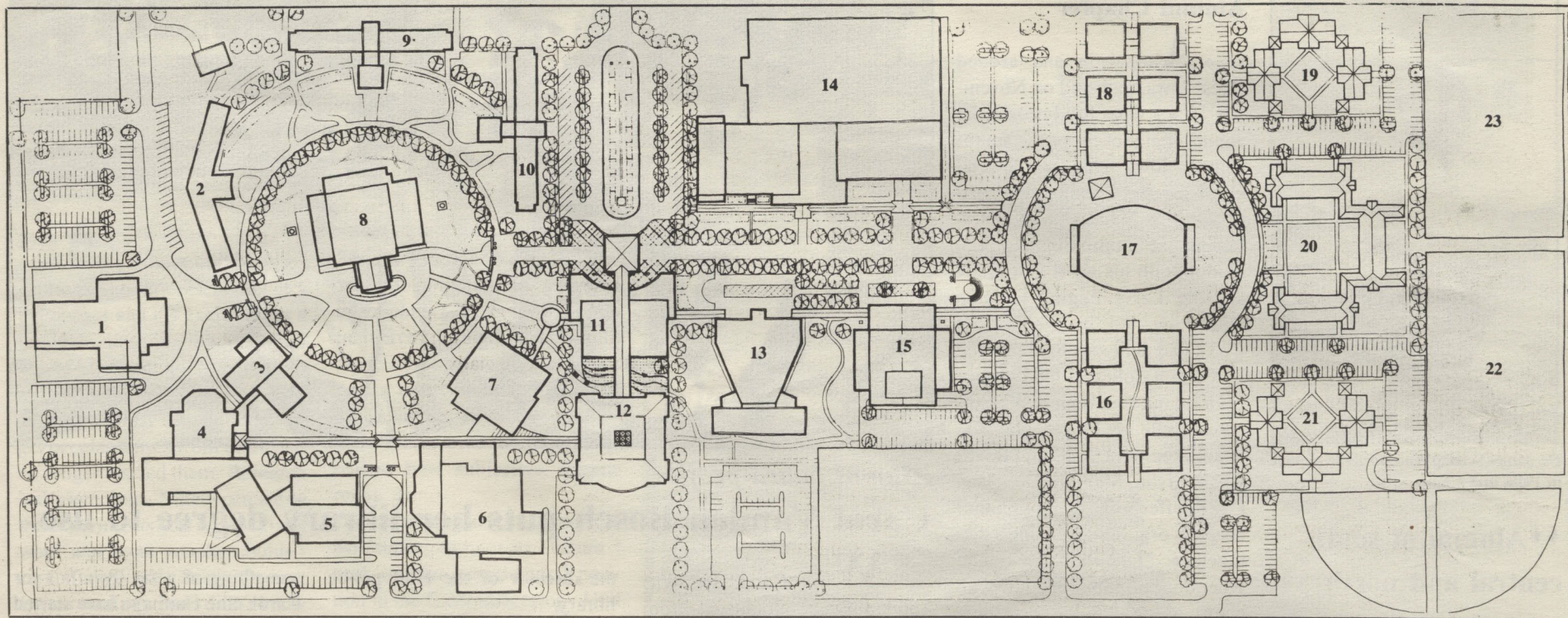
The final tape, sent to Scholastic for dubbing and marketing will be distributed worldwide from Toronto, New York, London, Sydney, and Auckland. Plans are also being made to translate the book into several languages.

Enjoying "Orchestranimals" will continue for many of the children who attended the concert. Although the book and tape will not be released in the United States until April, 300 hot-off-the-press copies of the Canadian release were available for sale at the concert. By the end of the evening most of those were sold to enthusiastic children, parents, and grandparents.

But the concert goers were not the only ones happy with the evening. "I think this might be the best day of my life," said Eugen's father after his daughter was presented with six long-stem roses by young fans. "Orchestranimals" will be remembered warmly for a long time to come. □

"Orchestranimals" is published as a book and cassette tape set.





Dordt plans for year 2000

Scores of goals, suggestions, and dreams have resulted from two recently completed and adopted long-range planning projects: the Strategic Plan and the Campus Plan. Some of the more exciting possibilities envisioned for Dordt in the year 2000 include: increased student practicums; new programs for non-traditional students; state-of-the-art laboratory, computer, and telecommunications equipment; a graduate program in education; new international off-campus study programs; increased numbers of minority faculty; a new library/information resource center; and a student body of 1200 to 1500 students.

The process began two years ago with the appointment of a strategic planning committee. Members of the various task forces of the committee began by looking at Dordt's external

environment—things like potential students, their parents, the college's support base, competition, and more. Recent research helped the planning committee understand some of these factors.

With these external factors in mind, a committee, with the help of the entire college community, evaluated the institution's strengths, mission, and needs. The outcome is the Strategic Planning Report titled "Renewing Our Vision," a 25-page document that outlines goals and initiatives for the college, encompassing everything from the curriculum to the composition of the student body.

Twelve overarching goals emerged from the committee's study:

- 1) Continue to develop a unified academic community
- 2) Construct an integrated curricular program that reflects Dordt's mission

- 3) Provide non-traditional programs for people of all ages
- 4) Strengthen our instructional excellence
- 5) Develop more global awareness
- 6) Broaden our student body composition
- 7) Enrich our students' living environment
- 8) Expand our community outreach
- 9) Improve our public image
- 10) Develop a plan for campus facilities
- 11) Utilize technological support systems
- 12) Continue institutional planning to stay abreast with our world.

Related to the strategic planning process was the completion of a campus plan. An architectural firm was hired, not only to help the college plan where future buildings could be placed, but also to draw up a plan for shaping new and existing buildings into an aesthetically pleasing campus.

The result has excited the imagination of the entire college community. Included, in addition to the new library/information center, are additional and remodeled student housing, a recreation/activities center, and redesigned open spaces. Although the proposals are still on the drawing board at this point, they provide guidelines for future planning and building.

"Our desire is to provide our faculty and students with facilities and a campus environment that are conducive to a positive, Christian learning experience, making Dordt a place where they will enjoy living and learning," says President J.B. Hulst. Both the strategic plan and the campus plan describe ways to better accomplish that goal and at the same time move from the 20th into the 21st century. □

The campus plan includes new buildings, additions to old buildings, and new landscaping. Proposed new facilities are shaded.

- 1-Maintenance Building
- 2-West Hall
- 3-Art/Administration Building
- 4-Classroom Building
- 5-Computer Center
- 6-Science Building
- 7-Administration Building (present library)
- 8-Commons
- 9-North Hall
- 10-East Hall
- 11-Student Union Building
- 12-Library/Information Resource Center
- 13-Chapel
- 14-Gym/Recreation Center
- 15-Performing Arts Center
- 16-Student Apartments
- 17-Pond
- 18-East Campus Apartments
- 19-21-Student Housing
- 22/23-Athletic Fields

Engineering students benefit from IEEE membership

Jennifer Schelhaas

In September the Dordt engineering program was accepted into the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) as a student branch. IEEE is the largest professional engineering society today and is made up of over 300,000 members from around the world. Dr. Ribeiro, the faculty advisor for the branch, said, "It's a great privilege to be accepted into IEEE because it proves that Dordt has a well-organized engineering program and good facilities."

As a part of the international organization, Dordt's student branch is encouraged to participate in a variety of IEEE activities. So far Dordt has held several meetings of their own, viewing films distributed by IEEE. They have also gone to South Dakota State University for joint meetings with the student branch there and with other Siouxland area members. Recently they attended a lecture by an engineer who helps make O-rings for the space shuttles.

Jonathan Gross, a senior at

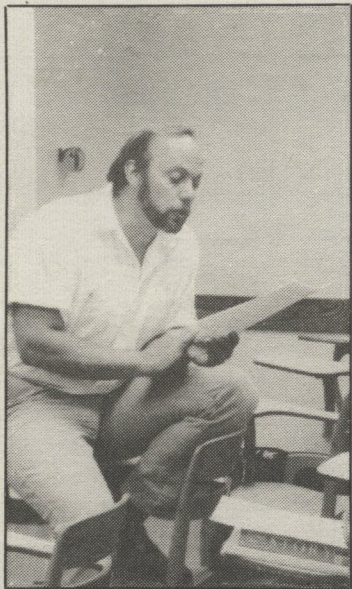
Dordt and chairman of the student branch, enjoys the joint meetings because "they give an opportunity to interact and share insights with other engineering students and professionals." IEEE also encourages the members to do projects that promote engineering as a career.

Being involved in IEEE as a student branch has many advantages for students. At present there are eleven student members, and the group is expected to grow. One major advantage of membership is that Dordt can buy

engineering periodicals at a tremendously reduced rate. Dordt's library previously subscribed to five of IEEE's periodicals. For three times the money they can now buy 75 periodicals. Students are eligible for engineering scholarships and grants available to them through IEEE, and they can qualify for graduate fellowships. In addition students get a better introduction to the field of engineering and establish connections that will be useful when they graduate and start looking for jobs. □

"It's a great privilege to be accepted into IEEE because it proves that Dordt has a well-organized engineering program and good facilities."

Local chapters meet



Dr. James Schaap read stories to alumni in Pella and Chino.

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South-Central Iowa Alumni Chapter

Alumni in and around Pella, Iowa, gathered on November 10 for what has become the annual social event of the south-central Iowa chapter. Special guest for the evening was professor Jim Schaap, who entertained the approximately 120 alumni with his short stories. A solo by Larry Eggink ('75), a sing-along led by Fred Kooi ('65), and delicious food provided by Central College's food service rounded out the evening. A mixer game made up by the planning committee went well, and Board Chairperson Maryan De Haan ('72) offers it to any other chapters or groups planning a get-together. T-shirts, pens, and other door prizes went home with some alumni as a permanent reminder of the evening's fun.

Alumni of south-central and north-central Iowa will want to plan to attend the concert of the Dordt College band when it comes to their area:

Kanawha First Christian Ref. Church, Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Wellsburg First Christian Ref. Church, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Pella Calvary Christian Ref. Church, Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Newton—Newton High School Auditorium, Jan. 14, 8:15 p.m.

The chapter board is considering hosting a coffee following the concert in Pella on Saturday, Jan. 13. Watch for more information.

West Michigan Alumni Chapter

Holland will no doubt see an influx of Dordt College alumni on December 29 and 30 when the men's varsity basketball team plays in the Hope Holiday Tournament. Dordt is scheduled to play Hope College on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and, on Saturday afternoon, the winner (or loser) of the game between Grand Rapids Baptist and Wake Forest (Ill.). The consolation game is at 1:00, the championship, at 3:00. Plans for a pre- or post-game alumni get-together are in the offing as of this writing. More details will likely be mailed to alumni.

Core Chapter

About 35 alumni from the Chino/Ontario area enjoyed an evening together on November 17. Meeting at Chino First Christian Reformed Church, they heard Jim Schaap read his stories and took the opportunity to ask Jim questions about current events at Dordt. The annual all-chapter meeting is being planned for the spring.



Alumni board profile

Carol Vanden Bosch puts her library degree to use

When Carol (De Wit) Vanden Bosch graduated from Dordt in 1973, she had speech and library science minors to accompany her elementary education major. At that point she thought of library science as "something to fall back on" if she didn't find a teaching job; today she says, "I praise God for leading me in this direction because it has become the focus of my career."

Since September Carol has been the media specialist at the Hull Christian School. Her position as supervisor of the media center allows her to combine teaching (K-8 library skills) and library science. From December 1981 through last June, Carol was

the director of the Hull public library.

Carol is married to Tom Vanden Bosch, guidance counselor and volleyball coach at Western Christian High School. Carol is proud to tell of Tom's recent coaching achievement—guiding the Western girls volleyball team to the Class 2A State Championship. Carol and Tom's three sons, Kyle, 14, Mark, 12, and Todd, 8, all attend Hull Christian School.

Foster parenting for Bethany Christian Services has been an avenue of special ministry for the entire Vanden Bosch family. They resigned from this role last March after 10 years of service.

Attending Dordt College is

something of a family affair for Carol. She claims to have started a tradition, with both her siblings, Dale ('75) and Dianne ('82), following her to Dordt. "Our three sons are Dordt Defenders already since we live close enough to take in many Dordt activities and athletic events," she says.

Carol cites her educational background, the Christian atmosphere of campus and dorm, and many continuing friendships as things she values about Dordt.

"I continue to be impressed with Dordt College as I see it as a member of the Alumni Association board," says Carol. She is currently serving as acting president of the board.

Missing a yearbook?

Student Services would like to clear out a pile of yearbooks that were ordered but never picked up. For \$2 (postage) they will mail yours to you. Contact them today and help them clean out their office.

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Plan ahead

Mark the following dates on your calendar.

Homecoming '90
Feb. 23-24

Summer Reunions

- 1990-Aug. 10-12
classes '80, '75, '70, '65, '60*
 - 1991-Aug. 9-11
classes '81, '76, '71, '66, '61*
 - 1992-Aug. 7-9
classes '82, '77, '72, '67, '62, '57*
- * 2-year degrees

Through the Prism

Daryl Sas

A cell biology researcher moves to teaching

When Daryl Sas left Dordt he planned to go to medical school. He soon realized that his interest was more in cell biology than medicine. By the time he received his Ph.D., he wanted to teach rather than do research. Although it took a few years, he recounts the path that eventually led him to a teaching position at Geneva College.

People have two misconceptions about research: it's glamorous and it's exciting. As a graduate student my research would usually begin with a trip to a nearby slaughter house (abattoir in more formal conversation) to get ocular lenses from cows that no longer needed them. Research isn't glamorous. Ninety percent of the experiments you set up do not work and most people wouldn't care if they did. Research isn't always exciting. But I didn't know that when I started.

After I was accepted into a cell biology graduate program at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul, I advertised for a room and a roommate in the bulletins of all Twin City CRC churches. The Lord provided another Dordt graduate, Jeff Santema, whom I had sat next to in Mr. Koekkoek's Western Civilization class.

After a year of commuting one and a half hours to campus, I moved to within walking distance of campus, this time sharing an apartment with a Calvin College graduate from back home in Leota, Minnesota. The Dordt connection continued. We subleased the apartment from another one of my Dordt classmates and long-time good friend, Dave Breems. In all I lived in the Twin Cities for seven years, six of those within walking distance of the St. Paul campus.

It was while I was in graduate school that I met my wife, Jane. She was also a graduate student in cell developmental biology, two years behind me. You'd be surprised how romantic looking through a microscope together can be!

Anyone who's been a full-time graduate student knows how you have to fit the remaining fragments of your life around your research schedule. Jane and I got married about a week before a cell biology convention in Baltimore, Maryland, attended the convention and spent a few extra days in Washington, D.C., for our honeymoon. It may not have been the most romantic, but our airfare and motel were paid for us, which is important considering a graduate student's salary.

I received my Ph.D. and then did post-doctoral research in the Department of Lab Medicine and Pathology at the University of Minnesota. During my first post-doc, I studied the interactions of tumor cells with protein com-

ponents of the membranes through which they must break in order to metastasize. As you might expect, cancer research is an incredibly competitive field, often motivated more by egos than a concern for the physical and spiritual suffering felt by man. It was here that I began to realize how subjective science really is.

After two years we moved to Rochester, Minnesota, where I took another post-doctoral position in the Gastroenterology Unit at the Mayo Clinic. In my mind, being a graduate research student or post-doc researcher is the closest thing to slavery our society will admit to. You have little control over what you do, little to benefit from its success, and all the blame for its failure. I was not happy doing this research.

But Rochester was exciting in other ways. Rochester is a very international city, with people coming from all over the world for medical care or training. I worked with people from France, West Germany, Denmark, Japan, the Philippines, Belgium, India, Malaysia, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Australia, and New York. It was interesting, although we Americans occasionally had to put up with some "Yankee-bashing." Teaching them how to play softball one summer was particularly challenging. You try explaining in simple rules as to when a base runner must, may, or may not advance to the next base. But we won, nonetheless.

It was also in Rochester that our first two children were born, six weeks after my 10th anniversary Dordt Reunion and four months too soon. The Lord took them both to himself. After walking through the valley of the shadow of death we experienced the comfort that only God can give.

Every year I would send out a few resumes to test the waters of the college teaching job market. I interviewed at several places, but no job offers came until the opportunity to teach at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, just north of Pittsburgh. Geneva met all my criteria: a committed Christian college somewhere between the Rockies and the Appalachians with more than a thousand students and a good basketball team. We've been here one year and have enjoyed it very much. The people are wonderful, and the geography is very beautiful.



The teaching that I do at Geneva is predominantly in the area of cellular and molecular biology, including genetics, physiology, cell biology, and immunology. The most interesting and enjoyable aspects of my work are the variety of things going on, the creativity that is required, and the interaction with students.

For me, the really challenging part of teaching is being organized and staying ahead. Teaching is much more like a sprint than a long distance run; you cannot save some energy for the last lap. You just run as fast as you can the entire distance because there are students breathing down your neck all the way. But doing it successfully gives one a great deal of satisfaction and accomplishment.

I asked the Lord to lead me to the kind of educational setting where he could most effectively use me. I think, knowing I am not a confrontational person, he led me here where I hope to advance and build a Christian perspective in biology, not just defend it.

At Geneva, like at Dordt, we work to train young people for kingdom service in all areas. That was one of the biggest revelations for me at Dordt: that not only ministers, missionaries, and Christian school teachers are doing kingdom service. The phrase "all of life is religion" means that all occupations, callings, and ac-

tivities are done either as a faithful response of glorifying God or as a disobedient response of glorifying self. We must disciple our students to think Christianly, to be discerning of the spirits in our culture. For example, this means more than simply saying that evolution is bad, it also means understanding why evolution is bad, and why Christians are attracted to it. To not ask "why" is to fall into mere legalism. Obviously, after only one year of teaching I haven't fully worked out my Christian vision to the degree that I hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to eventually achieve. But Dordt has given me the foundation upon which to build—the same thing I hope to do for my students at Geneva.

For me, Dordt was absolutely pivotal, a turning point in my Christian life. It made the difference between stagnating and growing in faith, between mere acceptance of God's Word and truly believing it. I remember discussing the idea of Christian perspective over dinner in the Commons with classmates. These close friends and roommates were some of the blessings God provided to me through Dordt. It's been a long and sometimes difficult road over the last twelve years since leaving Dordt, but I believe God finally has me where he wants and needs me to work. □

Since few people knew me when I started working here, I was occasionally mistaken for a student, says Daryl Sas ('77). It was actually rather fun. By now, I've become accustomed to being called Dr. Sas—so much so that I was taken aback recently when a student greeted me with "Hey dude."

"In my mind, being a graduate research student or post-doc researcher is the closest thing to slavery our society will admit to."

Class notes

70's

Timothy and Carol (Kosters) Hull (ex '74,ex '73) recently moved to Bellflower, California, after Tim graduated from Calvin Theological Seminary in May of 1989. Tim accepted a call from Bethany CRC in Bellflower where he will serve as co-pastor. Carol plans on spending time at home now with their two daughters, but she has spent the past several years working as an office manager for automotive dealerships.

Randy and Brenda (De Boer) Nugteren (ex '81, '77) live in Sioux Center, Iowa. Randy is working as the cropsman at Dordt's Agriculture Stewardship Center. Brenda is a homemaker caring for their three children.

Philip and Wendy (Stienstra, '79) Weaver live in Clinton, Ontario. Phil is pastor of the Vanastra Community Christian Reformed Church in Vanastra, Ontario.

80's

Edith (Vanden Brink, ex '80) Vander Veen moved to Edmonton, Alberta, after her husband, Roger, passed away in March of 1989. Edith is a homemaker and mother of two young boys.

Jack and Jane Van De Hoef ('81) are living in Iron Springs, Alberta, where Jack is pastor at the Iron Springs Christian Reformed Church.

Ron and Val (Katter, ex '82) Heemstra are living in Sioux City, Iowa. Val is a registered nurse at St.

Luke's Regional Medical Center and Ron is an internal auditor for Midwest Energy of Sioux City.

Steve and Shirley (Stelpstra, '82) Enserink are living in Ripon, California, where Steve is a real estate agent for Century 21. Shirley enjoys staying home with their three children.

Robert Helder ('84) is Director of Youth Group Ministries at Sunshine Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he and his wife, **Cathy (Ross, '83)** are living.

Pierre and Beth (Butler) Folkerts ('83, ex '86) live in Sunnyside, Washington. Pierre is a dairy farmer and Beth is a homemaker.

Mark and Jodi (Risseeuw, '84) Van Ess are living in Cedar Grove, Wisconsin. Jodi has been working with the STRIVE program, a program for severely emotionally disturbed students, located in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, since her graduation.

Teri (Andringa, '84) Howland is a legal secretary at the law firm of Cameron, Madden, Pearlson, Noblin, and Sellars in Long Beach, California. Her husband, Kendall, is a heavy equipment operator for Post Brothers Construction. They live in Bellflower, California.

Philip Kruis (84) is in his sixth year of teaching physical education, and serving as athletic director and coach at Mesilla Valley Christian School in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Timothy and Helen (De Jager, '86) Terry are both working for dairies. Helen is a head herdsperson on her family's dairy, and Tim is a dairy specialist for Cornell Cooperative Ex-

tension. They live in Smithville Flats, New York.

Rick and Kim (Heyboer, '86) Vos live near Sully, Iowa, where Rick farms and Kim teaches at Oskaloosa Christian School.

John and Christine Scheuers ('86) moved their family from Orange City, Iowa, to Watertown, Wisconsin, in the fall of 1988. John left his job as a livestock specialist at the Orange City Co-op and is now employed by Cenex Land O Lake. Chris works part-time as a receptionist for a dentist.

Jerry Postma ('86) is working at Village Northwest, Ltd. in Sheldon and his wife Alyssa (Vander Stoel, '88) teaches 6th grade part-time at Sanborn Christian.

Dennis Kuik ('87) graduated with a master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois this June. He is now a social worker at Andrew Residence, a home for the mentally ill, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His wife, **Desiree (Storteboom, '86)** is working at KPMG Peat Marwick, a big eight accounting firm, as a management consultant in the compensation and benefits practice.

Terry and Jill (Brue) Friend ('86, '88) are living in Lafayette, Indiana. Terry received his master's degree in plant breeding and genetics in May of 1989, and is now working as a wheat breeder at Hybritech Seeds International. Jill is teaching elementary music and directing the jr. high choir at Lafayette Christian School.

Scott and Jill (Kammel) Vander Maten ('87, '87) live in Sioux Center, Iowa, where Scott teaches fifth grade in Sioux Center Christian School. Jill works in Sioux City as a social worker for Lutheran Social Service.

Jeff and Phyllis (Meijers) Alberts ('88, '88) are living in Brampton, Ontario. Jeff works with the soil and water management branch of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Phyllis teaches English at Toronto District Christian High School.

Darren and Sharon (Reitsma) Zonnefeld ('88, '88) live in Ripon, California, where Darren works as a field claims representative for Farmer's Insurance, and Sharon teaches second grade at Ripon Christian School.

Bill and Darla (Zandstra, '88) Musk are living in Kentwood, Michigan. Darla does accounting for Christian Schools International and Bill co-owns a baseball card store in Kentwood.

Marriages

James Lanum and Thea Gunnink ('83), October 27, 1989.

Mark Van Ess and Jodi Risseeuw ('84), May 6, 1989.

Kendall Howland and Teri Andringa ('84), June 3, 1989.

Philip Kruis ('84) and Shelley Cox, July 22, 1989.

Trevor Schriemer and Hendrina De Vries ('85), June 24, 1988.

Timothy Terry and Helen De Jager ('86), September 16, 1989.

Rick Vos and Kim Heyboer ('86), July 14, 1989.

Brian Baker ('87) and Roxanne Shabram

Mike Vander Hart and Sandy Van Soelen ('87), September 16, 1989.

Darren Zonnefeld ('88) and **Sharon Reitsma** ('88), June 17, 1989.

Bill Musk and Darla Zandstra ('88), September 29, 1989.

Future Defenders

James and Florence (Vis) Mahaffy ('70, '76), Daniel James, 7/30/89

Keith and Sue (Starkenburger) Boersma ('72, '76), Anthony Keith, 9/26/89

Timothy and Carol (Kosters) Hull (ex '74, ex '73), Nyssa Elsbeth, 4/21/89

Peter and Miriam (Ernest, '76) Bandfield, Jesse Peter, 10/24/89

Marlow and Nancy (Van Mersbergen, '76) Ten Napel, Adam Nicholas, 9/14/89

Rick and Linda (Rozeboom) Marcus ('76, '77), Andrea Lynn, 8/30/89

Harv and Rita Sinnema ('77), Janis Belinda, 2/7/89

Henry and Sylvia (Van Ess, '77) Miedema, Linda Joy, 7/4/89

Randy and Brenda (De Boer) Nugteren (ex '81, '77), Steven Kent, 5/7/89

James and Gladys (Hoekstra, '78) Koole, Rebecca Jo and David James, 8/28/89

Harold and Freda (Zandstra, '79) Zylstra, Meagan Jayne, 9/4/89

Calvin and Mary Ann (Vandergrift) Spronk ('79, '79), Austin William, 7/27/89

Douglas and Kimberly (Venhuizen) Peter ('80, '80), Grant Michael, 3/2/89

Lonnie and Lori (Vander Molen, '80) Meyer, Christopher Jay, 9/14/89

Roger and Edith (Vanden Brink, ex '80) Vander Veen, Kevin Jared, 9/14/89

Murray and Joyce (Doppenberg) Hedlin ('80, '81), Kristin Michelle, 9/15/89

Ron and Sherilyn (Sikma, ex '81) Fulker, Joel Harold, 10/26/89

Paul and Denise (de Groot, '81) Scharringa, Yvonne Nicole, 7/20/89

Jack and Jane Van De Hoef ('81), Lynette Alicia, 1/27/89

Tim and Lori (DeVries, '81) Brinkerhoff, Kimberly Joy, 10/18/89

Dave and Dianne (Vander Hoek, '81) Hornor, Andrew David, 11/13/89

Art and Ronda (Veenstra) Zylstra ('82, '81), Laura Renee, 11/1/89

Tim and Diane (Dodd, '82) Dennis, Jenna Marie, 8/29/89

Sid and Sue (De Vries) Couperus ('82, '82), Shena Ellyn, 12/25/88

Steve and Shirley (Stelpstra, '82) Enserink, Nicholas Henry, 3/22/89

Keith and Pam Eiten ('82), David Frederick, 6/15/89

Ron and Val (Katter, ex '82) Heemstra, Kayla Dawn, 9/9/89

Leonard and Joyce (Broers) Smeenk (ex '82, ex '86), Brent Allen, 8/7/89

Daniel and Andrea Van Kooten (ex '82), Coren John, 11/15/89

Tim and Dawn (Bos) Goslinga ('82, '83), Amanda Joy, 3/11/89, adopted 7/26/89

Andrew and Gloria (Folkerts) Werkhoven ('84, '82), Rachel Lian, 5/13/89

Bruce and Ingrid (Bestebroer, '83) Mulder, Lindsay Rose, 10/7/89

Dan and Rhonda (Meyerink, '83) Den Herder, Aric Allen, 10/14/89

Robert and Cathy (Ross) Helder ('84, '83), Andrew Benjamin Ross, 7/18/89

Pierre and Beth (Butler) Folkerts ('83, ex '86), Emily Rose, 4/14/89

Rex and Wendy Janssen ('84), Kelsey Lee, 7/7/89

Adrie and Marla (Scholten, '84) Groeneweg, Jesamine Christine, 7/28/89

Brian and Sharon (Elgersma) Bevaart ('85, '84), Jonathan Richard, 9/12/89

Jeff and Sue (Feenstra) Pastoor ('84, '86), Daniel Brett, 8/21/89

Trevor and Hendrina (De Vries, '85) Schriemer, Grace Trudy, 4/19/89

Bruce and Ruth (Sluis) Bandstra (ex '85, '86), Brandon Lee, 7/9/89

John and Christine Scheuers ('86), Steven James, 11/11/89

Grant and Lisa (Anema) Vande Kamp ('86, '88), Carrie Lynn, 8/15/89

Jerry and Alyssa (Vander Stoel) Postma ('86, '88), Sarah Marie, 11/8/89

Scott and Jill (Kammel) Vander Maten ('87, '87), Abbie Marie, 7/6/89

David and Lori (Akers, '87) Ferreira, Sarah Elizabeth, 10/4/89

Mark and Sharla (Haringa) Monsma (ex '88, ex '87), Kyle Timothy, 10/25/89

Paul and Lora (Mulder, '88) Vis, Derek Paul, 3/23/89

1990-91 Staff Opening

Associate Director of Admissions

The person hired for this new position will formulate and implement student recruitment and marketing strategies for the college.

For more information call or write:

Lyle A. Gritters, Vice President for Advancement
Dordt College
Sioux Center, IA 51250
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Dordt College
Openings for August 1990

Dordt College has openings for the 1990-91 academic year in the following areas:

- Art
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Theology

The following positions may also be open for the 1990-91 year:

- Computer Programmer
- Engineering
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Theatre Arts
- Social Work

Dordt College seeks to hire academically qualified individuals who are committed to a biblical, Reformed perspective and educational philosophy.

Review of candidates will begin on January 15, 1990, and will continue until positions are filled. Send letter, resume, and graduate transcripts to:

Dr. Rockne McCarthy
Academic Dean
Dordt College
Sioux Center, IA 51250

Dordt College complies with federal and state requirements for non-discrimination in employment. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Around Campus

Engineers find radio tower radiation below FCC guidelines

A senior research project on electromagnetic fields has given peace of mind to many on Dordt's campus. Dr. Paulo Ribeiro and senior Mike Vander Windt from Dunnville, Ontario, conducted extensive testing of the electromagnetic radiation given off by the KDCR radio tower on campus. The results show that the radiation levels are below FCC guidelines.

The project began last year and has benefitted more than people's peace of mind. The idea for the study came as a research paper for a class in electromagnetic fields taught by Ribeiro. "I require each student to do a research paper on either a technical aspect of the field or a more applied study of the effect of electromagnetic fields," says Ribeiro. These applied studies help students see the implications of a technology on the environment around them, he adds.

Senior James De Haan took on the project eagerly, hoping to build an instrument to measure the radiation. Building the measuring instrument proved to be too complicated so Ribeiro and De Haan settled on doing a more theoretical study. De Haan did an enormous

amount of background research. Based on theoretical models he estimated that the levels could be close to FCC limits.

Those results called for a more accurate study based on actual measurements, says Ribeiro. "We stress that technology must be done responsibly; it must be compatible with people and the environment."

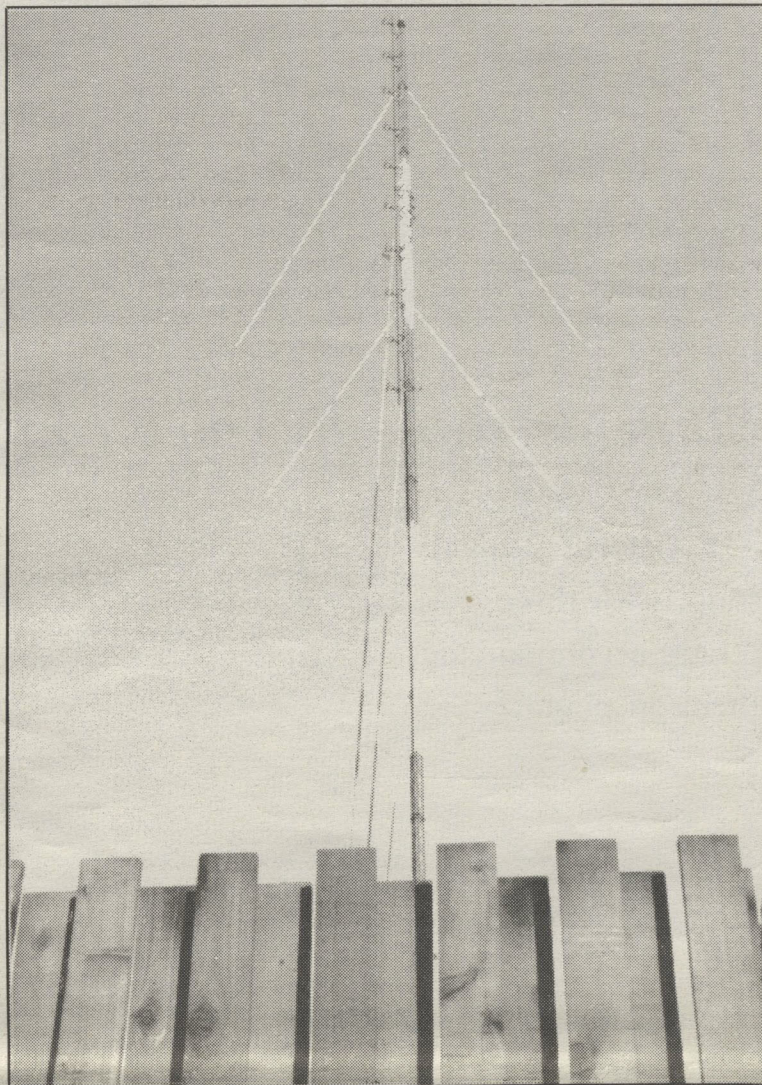
Talking with KDCR station manager Dennis De Waard revealed that the station needed such testing done to renew its license. The project became a joint one. KDCR paid to rent the equipment necessary to measure the radiation, and the engineering department donated the expertise and the labor.

Ribeiro and Vander Windt measured radiation for several weeks at distances of one foot, three feet, and ten feet from the tower. At three feet the levels were well below guidelines, which Ribeiro says are set ten times lower than the danger level. At one foot, levels exceeded the FCC guidelines, so the engineering department recommended erecting a fence simply to keep people farther away from the tower. Minimum levels are based on intensity and duration of exposure,

so Ribeiro is confident that there has been almost no danger from the tower.

The fence protects the tower and guy wires from approach as much as it shields passersby from radio waves. Ribeiro emphasizes that the fence is precautionary. "There is no hard evidence that points to physical danger from radio frequency radiation. It is a different kind of radiation than x-rays, for example," he says. But in the interest of being responsible stewards of the environment, he feels it is important to study such issues.

The benefits of the study have been tangible. "The study undoubtedly saved KDCR a substantial amount of money," says Ribeiro. But as valuable was the experience gained by both Vander Windt and Ribeiro. As a licensed professional engineer Ribeiro was able to supervise a study that could be submitted to the FCC. Vander Windt was able to apply concepts he learned in class as well as see the possible effects technology can have on the environment. In addition, he played a major role in compiling the technical report submitted to the FCC and the college outlining the results of the study. □



The new fence was erected to keep passersby a safe distance from the tower.

Governor selects ASC as model farm site

The Dordt College Agriculture Stewardship Center (ASC) will help coordinate Sioux County's role as one of six testing regions in a statewide farm management project. On October 31 Iowa Governor Terry Branstad announced the expansion of the state's Model Farms Demonstration Project (MFDP) to five new regions, one of them Sioux County.

Branstad says the project intends "to reduce negative environmental impacts and to enhance efficiency and profitability in farming."

The Dordt ASC will cooperate with the Sioux County Extension Service in monitoring farmers in five chosen areas of the county. Extension Director Russ Euken says each area will have about 5,000 acres of land. Besides the

ASC's role in coordination, the Dordt farms will be included among the demonstration sites.

A full-time coordinator will soon be hired to supervise the day-to-day operation of the project. Next summer five people, who will be trained at Dordt, will "scout" selected farms weekly. Some of the factors scouts will watch include crop establishment, crop nutrient conditions, weed

populations, and insect infestation.

Part of the reason Sioux County was chosen was the presence of the Dordt ASC. The ASC has taken initiative in recent years for similar efforts in hosting "field days," which have given local farmers opportunity to view test plots, watch demonstrations, and discuss results of experiments by students and staff.

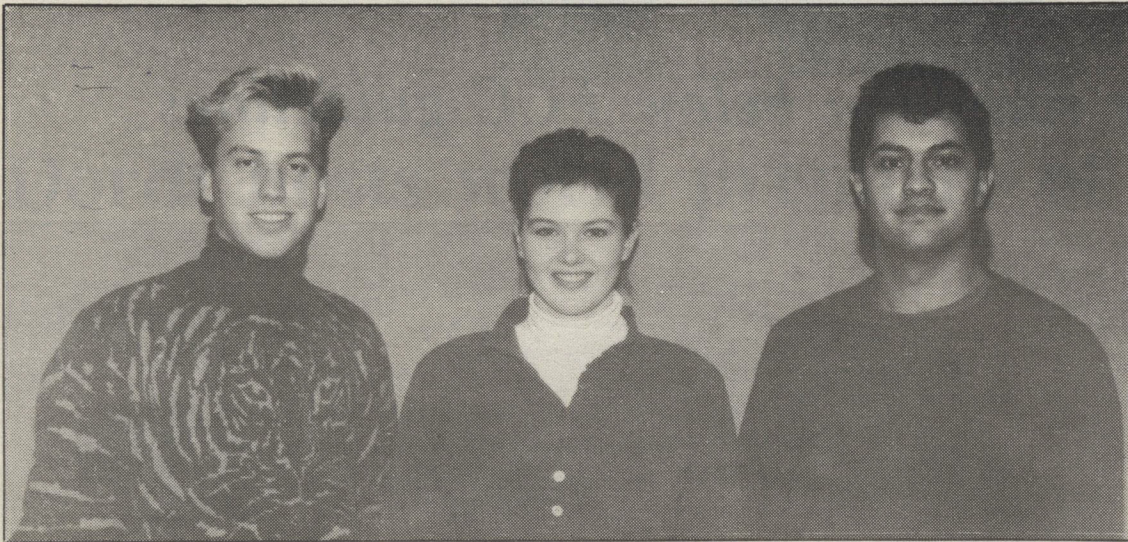
Cooperating in this project gives Dordt the opportunity to work closely with local farmers and agencies, says ASC director Ron Vos. It also helps people associate the ASC with environmentally-friendly and economically-sound farming. In addition, Dordt will receive two tuition-free training sessions at ISU, allowing professors the opportunity to incorporate new ideas and approaches in their courses.

ASC Director Ron Vos considers the MFDP selection an honor. "Dordt College and the ASC has always promoted the theme of stewardship, environmentally friendly and economically sound farming. . . . I think this [shows] that things we are doing are recognized by people at the state level as being very significant." □

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Around Campus



Tom Overlie, Joan Van Holland, Amir Andrawis

Students shine in voice competition

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Three Dordt College students captured high honors in the regional competition for the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS), held in Iowa City on Nov. 3 & 4.

Four hundred fifteen students, high school through graduate school age, participated in the competition. Six Dordt students sang, with three others accompanying them on piano. Dordt vocal instructors Ann Dorr and Pam De Haan served as two of the 70 judges.

All six Dordt performers topped the preliminary round of the three-tiered contest to compete in the semifinal round. Three moved on to the finals and came out shining.

Tom Overlie of Sioux Center was awarded second place in the college junior men's division. Honorable mention for their division went to Joan Van Holland of Rock Valley, Iowa, for college senior women, and Amir Andrawis of Brookings, South Dakota, for college sophomore men. Each was given a cash award and certificate.

Other Dordt contestants were Darren Van't Hul, a senior from Hull, Iowa; Carrie Veenstra, a

senior from Escondido, California; and Diane Bandstra, a freshman from Oskaloosa, Iowa. Accompanists were senior Shon Heersink of Monte Vista, Colorado; junior Sue Van Till of Ripon, California; and sophomore Lyn Mabrey of Highland, Indiana. □

Placement of '89 grads at 97%

Ninety-seven percent of last year's graduating class found jobs within six months after leaving college, according to a report put out by the Career Placement Office. Out of 165 four-year students, 161 are either employed or furthering their education. Thirty-six of the thirty-eight two-year students are also employed.

Last year, 52 organizations came to Dordt College to interview seniors, conducting a total of 292 interviews. Twenty-six other businesses also interviewed Dordt students through the Colleges of Mid-America consortium. □

Rachelle Knapper is now a social worker at Lutheran Social Services in Spencer, Iowa.



First annual Parents' Day draws good reviews

Parents from California and Washington to New York and Florida drove or flew to Sioux Center for the first annual Parents' Day held October 28. Those who arrived on Friday evening were able to hear each of Dordt's musical groups perform in a 35th Anniversary Fall Music Festival. Afterward, over coffee and cookies in the gym, parents visited with their children and met other parents from around the country.

“We thoroughly enjoyed Parents' Day,” said one visitor. “We met so many parents. In fact on Saturday evening we had no lodging reserved, planning to go to Sioux Falls. But we met a couple from Hull and after talking they invited us to stay with them. We had a beautiful time of Christian fellowship together.”

On Saturday parents had the opportunity to attend informative

sectionals on student life and academic life. There was more time for coffee and fellowship, a luncheon with President and Mrs. Hulst, an informal financial aid meeting, and lots of time in the afternoon to spend with sons and daughters.

The day concluded with a Reformation Day Rally with Os Guinness as guest speaker. Guinness, an author and lecturer, spoke on the topic “Dreams of the Day: Recovery of the Biblical Dynamic of Calling.”

An Ice Cream Social capped off the day's events. “We really enjoyed the day. It was a good reason to go to Iowa, see our kids, and meet others,” said one parent. Another added, “I hope Parents' Day will be continued. If at all possible we will attend again. Days such as these help parents get to know each other and also help students sense their parents' interest in their education.” □



Director Verne Meyer coaches Ben Visser and Andrea Schaap. Dordt students were assigned to each of the children to help them with their part.

“Music Man” draws overflow crowds

“The Music Man” captured the hearts and imaginations of much of the Dordt College community during the early part of the fall. With a cast of 65, a crew of 35, an orchestra of 25, and seven music and theatre professionals working together, the play was one of the largest productions Dordt has done. The musical played to sold out houses for six performances.

“We don't take ‘fun’ seriously enough,” says Director Verne Meyer with a tongue-in-cheek smile. “We need to sing and dance and laugh at ourselves.” This light-hearted musical accomplished all of that.

The majority of the college cast auditioned already last spring, but in late August seven freshmen and 22 community children were added to the cast. Rehearsals were soon in full swing.

During the last three weeks of August director Verne Meyer was

joined by Milwaukee choreographer Katie Zavada to map out and instruct actors in nearly every dance step, every chase scene, and, in fact, almost every movement made on stage. The lively music and infectious laughter echoed through the halls as Zavada turned a group of mostly non-dancers into graceful dancers.

Also during the summer, designer John Hofland and 16 student assistants began building the huge pieces of town scenery, a specially constructed wagon, a train car, a bridge, and a variety of other props for River City, Iowa, the play's setting. In between working on the sets, Hofland had to solve the mathematical puzzle of setting up the circuitry for the hundreds of lights needed for the show.

Voice instructor Ann Dorr worked diligently with the vocalists in the musical, particularly the main characters.

Choir director Dale Grotenhuis coached the barbershop quartet, orchestra conductor Henry Duitman led the orchestra, and retired art professor Norm Matheis created the artwork for publicity.

Brent De Jong, a ten-year-old who played Winthrop, the lead boy, sums up the reactions of many of the actors, especially the children in the cast. “Sometimes I didn't go right to sleep at night because I was thinking about the play and the songs and the dances.”

Joan Van Holland or Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn, wife of the mayor of River City, greatly admired the sense of professionalism that surrounded the production. Joan is a music major and says, “Getting involved in a show is a wonderful way to experience what college life has to offer. You may not get as much sleep as you like, but you learn a lot and have fun doing it.” □

Volleyball team wins conference title

Dordt's women's volleyball team won the conference title this season with a record of 7-1, and the one loss was only after a hard-fought five-game match. "We're very happy with our season. In fact we were all a little bit surprised after our slow start," says Coach Vonda Broek.

After the first eleven games the women were 5-6, but they worked up to a stretch where they won 17 out of 20 games, qualifying for the IOKOTA District Championship playoffs. They placed fourth in the district with a final record of 23-11.

Two of the team's players were named to the All-District team this year: junior Patty Boer from Sioux Center and senior Janet Zylstra from Sheldon, Iowa. Boer and Zylstra, along with sophomore Stephanie Vos from Cedar Falls, Iowa, were also named to the All-Conference team.

The team had several strong players, but according to Broek the real strength lay in team defense. "Our back row was strong and quick," says Broek, "and we did a lot of good blocking."

Dordt fans supported the team, too. "I think we had the biggest crowd at the Northwestern game of any women's athletic event in Dordt's history," says Broek. But fans or no fans, this year's team is a hard-working, dedicated group who enjoy their sport very much.



The 1989 Women's volleyball team.

Front Row: Lisa Van Denend, Denver, CO, Cheryl Wielinga, Emo, ONT, Lisa Jasper, Pipestone, MN, Tammy Dirksen, Rock Valley, IA, Kathy Van Hofwegen, Lynden, WA, Candace Horstman, Hull, IA.

Middle Row: Lisa Klein, Bellflower, CA, Patty Boer, Sioux Center, IA, Sandi Driesen, Rock Valley, IA, Joeli Kooima, Hull, IA, Julie Prins, Stockton, CA.

Back Row: Vonda Brands, Edgerton, MN, Michelle Mennega, Sioux Center, IA, Stephanie Vos, Cedar Falls, IA, Janet Zylstra, Sheldon, IA, Susan Drost, Ripon, CA, Vonda Broek, Coach.

Women's basketball

Coach Len Rhoda and the women's basketball team are looking forward to a good year. All of last year's starters are back, and the team is already showing its experience by winning three of their first four games of the season. Seniors Janet Zylstra and Vonda Brands joined by junior Rhonda Gritters and sophomores Jill Bousema, Suzanne De Vries, and Lou Ann Bolkema lead the team as regular

starters. Three freshmen have joined to round out the team.

"Competition in women's basketball is tough in this area," says Rhoda, but this year's team should be able to stand up to the best of them.

Men's basketball

With the season just under-way, Dordt's men's basketball team is led by two returning starters from last year's team.

Senior co-captains Jay Schelhaas, the point guard from Kenneth, Minnesota, and Joel Veenstra, the center from Tracy, Iowa, are giving good leadership to the team says Coach Rick Vander Berg.

"We have several very good shooters this year," says Vander Berg. And because the team is not as strong on the inside as in the past two years, Vander Berg adds, they will have to rely on outside shooting and fast breaks to keep their game strong. □

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Soccer team narrowly misses district championship

The Dordt Defenders Soccer team finished the season at 11-6-1. Coach Quentin Van Essen almost wishes the season had been a little longer. "We didn't really peak until the end of the season," he says. The team was beset by injuries at the beginning of the year. In addition, many new players needed time to develop together as a team. By district tournament time, however, they were in good form, playing a hard game and narrowly losing the district championship game by a score of 1-0.

This is the first year that Dordt has participated in the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference, a conference whose member schools are spread over a wide area of the upper

Midwest. Dordt was invited to join the conference in soccer and, since the team was already traveling to Minneapolis to find teams to play, the distance has not been much of a hindrance. By joining the conference, Dordt's competition has improved, pushing the players to work harder as a team, says Van Essen. Out of five teams Dordt finished the season in third place.

Interest in soccer is growing says Van Essen. Most of the teams Dordt plays in basketball do not have developed soccer programs as yet, but at least two of those schools plan to begin in the very near future. In the meantime the Defenders are holding their own in tough competition. □

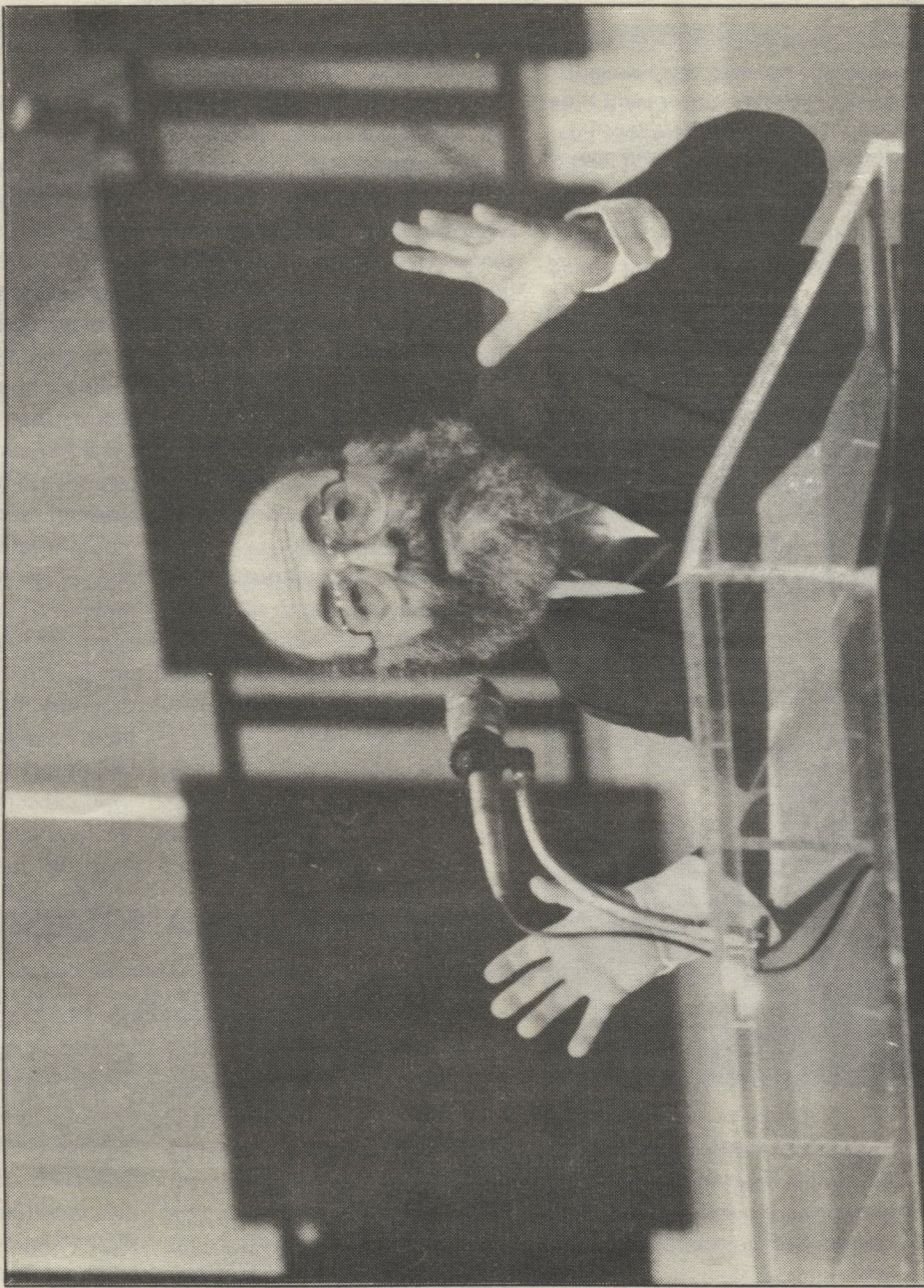


Fourth Row: Coach Van Essen, Mark Vos, Ripon, CA, Eric Ellens, Jenison, MI, Rudy De Jong, San Marcos, CA, Hans Witting, Prince Edward Island, Joel Faber, Lansing, MI.

Third Row: Khamko Baccam, Sioux Center, IA, Steve Walhof, Edgerton, MN, John Vander Kruk, Waterdown, ONT, Joel Keen, Wichita, KS, Jim Vander Ploeg, Ridgefield, WA

Second Row: Brad Ackerman, Manager, Jeff Brouwer, Ramona, CA, Simon Vander Woude, Ramona, CA, Jeff Cleverenga, Prosser, WA, Roger Ewald, Smithers, BC, Richard Brouwer, Escondido, CA

First Row: John Wagenveld, Sun Valley, CA, Scott Hilbelink, Cedar Grove, WI, Jeff Faber, Lansing, MI, Jim Colyn, Monroe, WA, Phouong Nonginthirath, Edgerton, MN.



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Events

Music

December 14	8:00 p.m.	Chamber music concert
January 11	7:30 p.m.	Band Concert: Kanawha First CRC
January 12	7:30 p.m.	Band Concert: Wellsburg First CRC
January 13	7:30 p.m.	Band Concert: Pella Calvary CRC
January 14	8:15 p.m.	Band Concert: Newton High School
January 21	8:45 p.m.	Band Concert: Dordt's Chapel
February 13	8:00 p.m.	Senior recital: Shon Heersink
February 19	8:00 p.m.	The MacDonalds in Concert Cabaret
February 23	3:00 p.m.	Junior recital: Donna Groenendyk, Tania Roosendaal

Art

Nov. 6-Dec. 22	Chapel Mezzanine	Water Colors by Karen Dienstbier
Jan. 15-Feb. 23	Chapel Mezzanine	Free-lance photographs by Ann Karras of Des Moines, Iowa

Sports

December 15	7:00 p.m.	WBB vs. Dakota State(H)
December 16	7:30 p.m.	MBB vs. Buena Vista (H)
December 29,30		MBB: Hope Classic tournament
January 2		MBB vs. Marycrest (A)
January 5,6		WBB: Northwestern tournament
January 11	7:00 p.m.	WBB vs. Mount St. Claire (A)
January 12	7:30 p.m.	MBB vs. Grand View (A)
	7:00 p.m.	WBB vs. Iowa Wesleyan (A)
January 13	2:00 p.m.	MBB vs. Iowa Wesleyan (A)
January 16	7:00 p.m.	WBB vs. Northwestern (H)
January 17	7:30 p.m.	MBB vs. Westmar (H)
January 18	7:00 p.m.	WBB vs. Buena Vista (A)
January 20	2:00 p.m.	WBB vs. Westmar (A)
	7:30 p.m.	MBB vs. Briar Cliff (A)
January 23	7:00 p.m.	WBB vs. Buena Vista (H)
January 24	7:30 p.m.	MBB vs. Nebraska Wesleyan (H)
January 27	2:00 p.m.	WBB vs. Westmar (A)
	7:30 p.m.	MBB vs. Northwestern (H)
January 30	7:00 p.m.	WBB vs. Briar Cliff (H)
January 31	7:30 p.m.	MBB vs. Mount Marty (H)
February 2	7:30 p.m.	MBB vs. Grand View (H)
February 3	2:00 p.m.	MBB vs. Iowa Wesleyan (H)
	2:00 p.m.	WBB vs. Northwestern (A)
February 6	7:00 p.m.	WBB vs. Westmar (H)
February 7	7:30 p.m.	MBB vs. Westmar (A)
February 10	7:30 p.m.	MBB vs. Briar Cliff (H)

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